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### MEDIA ADVISORY

## Coastal Bend beach lovers take out the trash

Eighth annual Coastal Bend Winter Beach Clean up Feb. 11

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AUSTIN — Texans who love Coastal Bend beaches but hate the beer cans, diapers and cigarette butts that too often adorn them will join forces at four locations Saturday, Feb. 11 for the Adopt-A-Beach Winter Cleanup.

"Trash on Texas beaches is a growing problem," said Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson. "Come on out and be a part of the solution."

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at all four locations. The beach cleanup will be from 9 a.m. to noon. The Coastal Bend Winter Beach Cleanup is one of three all-volunteer seasonal cleanups coordinated through the Adopt-A-Beach Program of the Texas General Land Office.

Each year, Texas' beaches receive large amounts of marine debris due to a convergence of currents in the Gulf of Mexico. Since 1986, Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up enough trash to fill a line of dump trucks 90 miles long, making it one of the most successful volunteer programs in the nation. Volunteers record data on the trash to learn more about the causes of marine debris and to help mitigate pollution along Texas' 367 miles of coastline.

The Texas General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach Program is funded primarily by private contributions. To help out, or for more information, call the General Land Office at 1-877-TXCOAST or visit our Web site at <http://www.texasadoptabeach.org>.

Who: Winter beach cleanup volunteers

What: GLO Adopt-A-Beach Coastal Bend Winter Beach Cleanup

When: Saturday, February 11, 2012

8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. - registration

9 a.m. to noon - cleanup

Where: Aransas Pass - Redfish Bay, Lighthouse Lakes Park, 4 miles east of Aransas Pass on Highway 361, contact Richard Gonzales 361-779-7351, richard.gonzales@texasadoptabeach.org

Port Aransas - Avenue G at the beach, contact Deno Fabrie 361-749-0256, deno.fabrie@texasadoptabeach.org

Corpus Christi - Texas State Aquarium, 2710 N. Shoreline Blvd., contact Kara Hahn at 361-881-1259, kara.hahn@texasadoptabeach.org

Padre Island National Seashore - Malaquite Visitors Center, 20420 Park Rd. 22, contact Buzz Botts 361-949-8068, buzz.botts@texasadoptabeach.org

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